

THE JOINT RIVER COMMITTEE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

March 9, 2010

10:00 am

Those in attendance: Lee Sim, Mike Silva, Trent Potter, Keith Hooper, Clinton Moon, Farrell Farnsworth, Lee Moon, Art Taylor, Jeff Budge, Andrew Dutson, Bob Leake, John Swasey, Dale Thomas, Kornel Murdock and Connie Mullins.

The meeting was brought to order by President Clinton Moon. Everyone introduced themselves and told who they were representing.

MINUTES

MOTION: Lee Moon made the motion that the minutes of the March 17, 2009 Joint River Committee be approved as written. There were no changes to be made. Art Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Comments: Clinton noted that 2 of the 3 items of discussion on page 3 of the minutes had been addressed. He thanked those who had followed though and taken care of those issues. Discussion followed concerning the placement of a measuring device on the Strawberry River flowing into the Starvation Reservoir. Keith Hooper noted that Central Utah Water Conservancy District recently received a bathometric survey from the BOR showing the current capacity table and is currently in the process of installing a new reservoir gauge which will be more accurate. He also noted that the State Engineer had approved changing the evaporation back to the old method. John Swasey noted that the GS data is provisional and therefore not reliable. Mike Silva noted that a location for a measuring device would need to be determined.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

John Swasey read from his Great Grandfather's journal concerning how water distribution was handled in the late 1800's. He noted that distribution procedures haven't really changed much. He reported on the 2009 water season by stating it was a good water year, due mostly to the large amount of late spring moisture that was received which allowed the reservoirs to fill, in turn allowing the natural river flows to run throughout most of the irrigation season. He thanked Keith and Central Utah Water for working with releases during the latter part of August. John said that it was a good year for water but not a good year for equipment issues. He noted that most of the summer was spent installing a repeater on the Strawberry system and fixing problem equipment on the lower Duchesne, Duchesne Diversion and Upper Duchesne systems. John noted concerns he has including that it is harder to work from the computer to get information and is required to be out in the field more often which brings problems with trespassing issues. He has found more diversions and water rights than he had previously been aware of. Also, the number of water classes such as; Block 1, Block 2, Block 1B, Fish flows, etc., are increasing his work load. Also permits to access Indian land are limited to irrigation season.

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Comments: Kornel Murdock thought that a time extension might be possible for the tribal access permit and stated that he would work with the tribe to see if the permit could be extended so necessary repair work could be done before and after the irrigation season. Farrell commented that the access problems are getting worse and thinks everyone needs to work together to make sure access is permitted. State Engineer's office could get an order from a judge to allow access if necessary. Bob Leake noted that this system is used as a good example to other companies.

MOTION: Lee Moon made the motion that the committee approve the Commissioner's report. The motion was seconded by Trent Potter. Motion carried.

REPORT FROM DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS

Mike Silva the Distribution Engineer assigned to the Duchesne System handed out his report and thanked the Water Commissioner for turning his roster in early which helps make his job so much easier. He asked Keith Hooper if he could work with him concerning the measuring device for the Strawberry River. He said there seems to be wide variances year-to-year evaporation rates for the reservoirs. See attached report.

2009 BUDGET REVIEW

The 2009 receipts and expenditures were reviewed by Mike Silva, as follows:

BEGINNING BALANCE – January 1, 2009	\$57,409.01
RECEIPTS	
Regular Assessments:	\$108,177.52
Special Assessments:	0.00
Delinquent Penalties:	70.95
Previous Assessments and Penalties:	27.50
Transfers and Adjustments:	0.00
Annual Interest Earned:	437.16
System Reimbursements:	2,481.98
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$111,195.11
EXPENDITURES	
Budgeted Expenditures:	\$109,648.57
Unbudgeted Expenditures:	202.50
Transfers and Adjustments:	0.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$109,851.07
ENDING BALANCE	\$58,753.05

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2009 Delinquent Water Assessments totaled \$430.87.

All delinquent assessments are for one year with the exception of Leon Nielsen who hasn't paid since 2002. Mike Silva stated that a certified collection letter had been sent to Leon. No reply was received, so a 'Cease to use Water' notice has been sent by certified mail. No reply has been received. John will need to enforce that no water is used.

MOTION: Trent Potter moved that the 2009 financial report, as reported by Mike Silva be approved. The motion was seconded by Art Taylor. Motion carried.

2009 BUDGET PROPOSAL

Clinton Moon read the proposed budget expenditures for 2009. The following changes were made:

Travel Expense will increase from \$13,500.00 to \$14,000.00.

Office Expense will increase from \$2,000.00 to \$2,500.00.

Telephone Expense will increase from \$2,000.00 to \$2,150.00. \$150.00 will be paid to East Duchesne for use of internet services.

Committee Expense will increase from \$1,000.00 to \$1,500.00 which will include a \$500.00 education expense.

Miscellaneous expense will decrease from \$325.00 to \$24.00.

Discussion concerning supplies and equipment needs this year due to new radios being needed followed. It was decided to leave the budget the same for this year and see how it goes.

The 2010 Budget Proposal is as follows:

BALANCE of Trust Funds, 12-31-2009:	\$58,753.05
RECEIPTS:	\$105,467.69
Regular Assessments	
Plus previous assessments and penalties	
BUDGET:	
Commissioner Salary	\$54,600.00
Social Security	4,140.00
Retirement	8,600.00
Insurance	10,500.00
Travel	14,000.00
Secretary Expense	500.00
Committee Expense	1,500.00
Office Expense	2,500.00
Supplies and Equipment	5,000.00
Telephone Expense	2,150.00
Miscellaneous Expense	24.00
State Engineer Assessment	7,486.00
Contractual Services	2,000.00

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TOTAL BUDGET:

\$113,000.00

MOTION: Lee Moon made the motion to approve the 2010 proposed budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Art Taylor. Motion carried

MOTION: Lee Moon made the motion to change the assessments to \$0.28 per acre foot. Motion seconded by Art Taylor. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Clinton Moon asked if there was any other business that needed discussed.

NOTE: No motions or decisions were made on items below:

Trent Potter asked to go on record that as a board member showing he is in favor of a measuring structure being installed in the Strawberry River.

Art Taylor is concerned over the fish flow increases that are being proposed on the Duchesne/Strawberry Rivers for the "threatened" fish species. He asked what they needed to do to show concern of the expansion of the Endangered Species Enactment. Discussion followed. It is on record that DSWUA opposes the proposal and a letter should be drafted and sent stating that position.

Clinton Moon is concerned with the Antelope Flume on the Grey Mountain Canal. He asked if it had been rotated. Kornel Murdock did not know if that had been done. He noted that the flume needs to be upgraded or replaced. He will look at the recommendations to see what is needed.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 pm.

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